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For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALARMING DECREASE IN TIRE AIR-PRESSURE		

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER' S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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June 27, 2005

Sir:

In the Examiner's Notice of Allowability attached to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated March 28, 2004, the Examiner included a statement of reasons for allowance. Specifically, the Examiner stated:

The prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention as a whole including a process for producing a cylinder block and the cylinder block itself, the cylinder block having arc recesses formed at an intersection between a deck face joined to a cylinder [head] and a cylinder bore for avoiding interference with umbrella portions of valves mounted in the cylinder head, said cylinder block also having an embedded sleeve which is spaced from the deck face, and a bore pin, which [is] utilized in casting the cylinder block, the bore pin being mated with the sleeve to support the sleeve as the casting of the block and embedded sleeve is taking place. The closest reference is Tanahashi et al (4,883,030) which has annular recesses which surround the entire upper circumference of the cylinder bore, but

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these are not the arc recesses shown by applicant, and their purpose is not to avoid interference with the umbrella portion of valves mounted in the cylinder head. In addition, the Tanahashi et al. reference does not employ a cylinder liner.

Applicants provide the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Examiner has stated that the claims have been allowed due to various elements that are not taught or suggested by the prior art. However, the present application includes claims 1-8 which are directed to a process for producing a cylinder block, claims 9-11 which are directed to a cylinder block and claim 12, which is directed to a bore pin. Applicants respectfully submit that each of the independent claims 1, 10 and 12 of the present invention recite different steps and elements and therefore are allowable for different reasons. In view of this, Applicants submit that the present claims should be allowed for the combination of steps and elements recited in each of the respective claims and not for the generalized reasons stated by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Paul C. Lewis, Registration No. 43,368 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

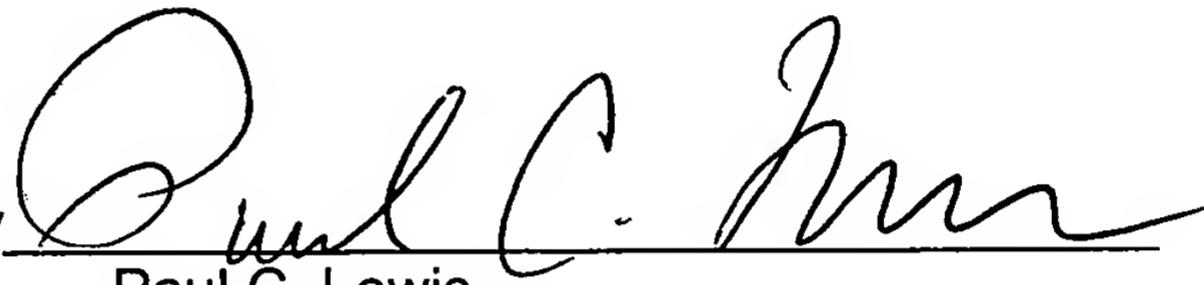
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2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly,
extension of time fees.

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